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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kristen Droesch Mullen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/8/07 (RCE).
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 8 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 9, 11 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 November 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/8/07 has been entered.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 11 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. The examiner suggests amending claim 11 to be dependent on claim 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Groenke et al. (6,125,299) in view of Halperin et al. (6,390,996).

Regarding claim 1, Groenke shows at least one first high-voltage defibrillation electrode (150A); at least one second high-voltage defibrillation electrode (150B) (Figs. 6-7); at least one

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manually operable control (200) mechanically connected with and in the vicinity of at least one of the first and second electrodes; and a resuscitation control unit (22) mechanically separate from the at least one manually operated control (200) electrically connected to the at least one manually operable control (200) and configured to provide resuscitation prompts to a rescuer based on use of the manually operable control by a rescuer (Col. 8, line 50-Col. 9, line 34).

Although Groenke fails to show the manually operable control is other than a force sensor, attention is directed to Halperin who teaches a similar device that utilizes an accelerometer in place of a force sensor. Halperin et al. teaches that measuring chest displacement with an accelerometer is advantageous compared to prior art force sensors since there is considerable variation in the compliance of patient's chests such that similar compression forces produce substantially different chest displacements in different patients (Col. 2, lines 44-53). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Groenke by substituting an accelerometer for the force sensor as taught by Halperin since Halperin teaches that that measuring chest displacement with an accelerometer is advantageous compared to prior art force sensors since there is considerable variation in the compliance of patient's chests such that similar compression forces produce substantially different chest displacements in different patients.

Regarding claim 8, Groenke further shows a sternum electrode and an apex electrode (Figs. 6-7).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 10 is allowed.
7. Claims 2-7, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

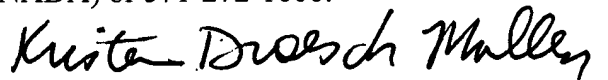
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristen Droesch Mullen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4944. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10:30 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Layno can be reached on (571) 272-4949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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